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+ HERAS

Welcome to the planet Mobius – a world unique and beyond what you know from the SEGA games!
Where Sonic the Hedgehog and the heroic Freedom Fighters work to save the world from the forces of evil!

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THE HEDGEHOG

Who's Who

PREVIOUSLY

Since Dr. Eggman launched his evil DEATH EGG Mark 2 battle station, the Freedom Fighters have had it pretty rough! The evil (omelet) dictator's first attack was the "Cosmic Reset Button," which altered reality itself!

Super Sonic was able to set the world right, but was unable to save Sally as she bravely sacrificed herself to stop Eggman's World Robotcizer. Transforming her into the most menacing evil the planet Mobius has ever seen: MECHA SALLY.

With the recent losses of Sally, Bunnie and Antoine, Mobius' greatest team of heroes, the Freedom Fighters, are no more. But from the ashes of their destroyed team, two NEW teams have risen – Rotor's Team Freedom, and Sonic's Team Fighters! Team Freedom defends the Acorn Kingdom while Team Fighters is on the offensive to hunt down the Eggman and bring the mad doctor to justice!

After a brief tussle in Furville, Team Fighters is in hot pursuit of the Death Egg. The Eggman's next target?

The Wolfpack nation...



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS



DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS



GRAND CHIEF LUPE
LEADER OF THE WOLF PACK NATION



QUEEN HATHOR
LEADER OF THE FELIDAE

ABOARD THE
DEATH EGG II...

LOYALTY

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WHAT DO
YOU MEAN YOUR
BASE IS BEHIND
SCHEDULE?!

WELL, SEE, IT'S
THE WOLF PACK
NATION, BOSS...

THEY'RE ALLIED
WITH THE FELIDAE.
TOGETHER, THEY'RE
TOO MUCH FOR
US TO...



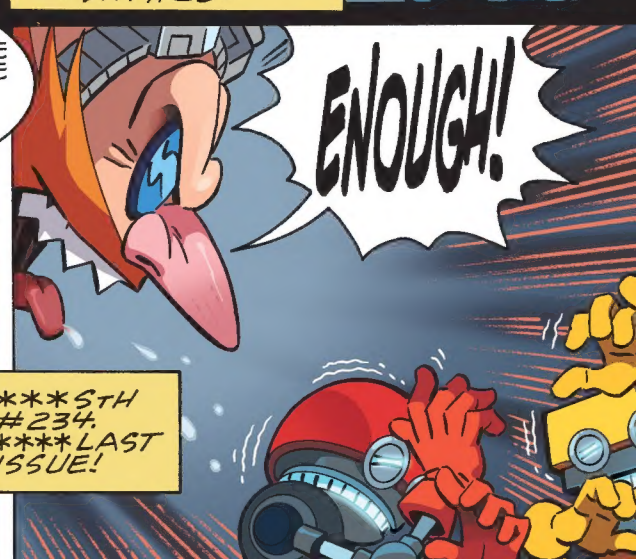
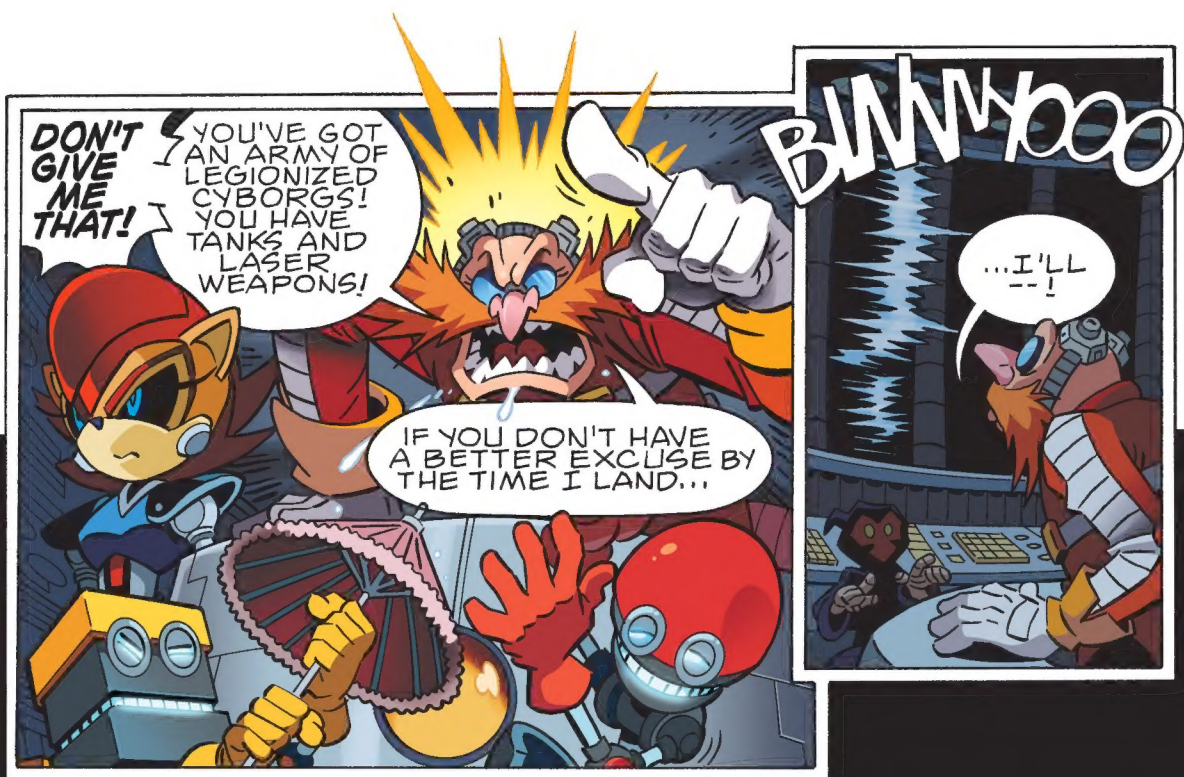
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HATHOR
Leader of
the Felidae

GRAND CHIEF LUPE
Leader of the
Wolf Pack
Nation

TEAM
FIGHTERS
Sonic, Tails,
Amy Rose

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Regional
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MECHA
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Weaponized
Robot Slave

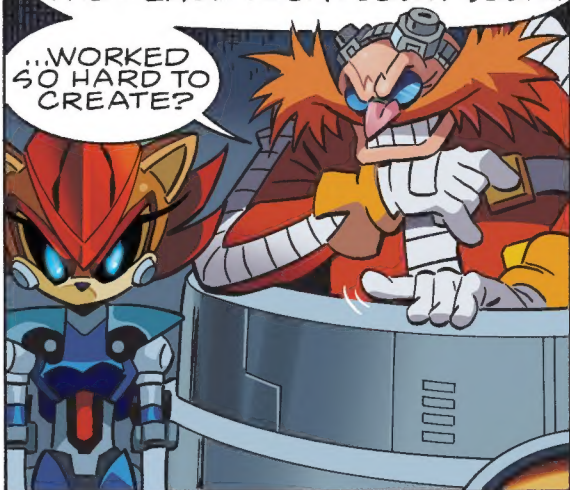


HMPH. THIS REGION WOULD'VE
ALREADY FALLEN TO ME IF THE
ORIGINAL PLAN HAD WORKED,
BUT THE TWO WARRING NATIONS
FOUND PEACE, THANKS TO SONIC
AND...



...THE PRINCESS. OH-HO-HO!
TELL ME, MY DEAR MINION, HOW
WOULD YOU GO ABOUT RUINING
THE PEACE YOUR FLESHY SELF...

...WORKED
SO HARD TO
CREATE?



THE PEACE BETWEEN THE WOLF
PACK NATION AND PAIS MISTER-
IOSO IS TENUOUS AND MAIN-
TAINED ONLY BY THEIR MATRI-
ARCHS. REMOVE THE LEADERS,
LEAVE ROOM FOR SUSPICION,
AND THE TWO GROUPS WILL
TURN ON EACH OTHER.

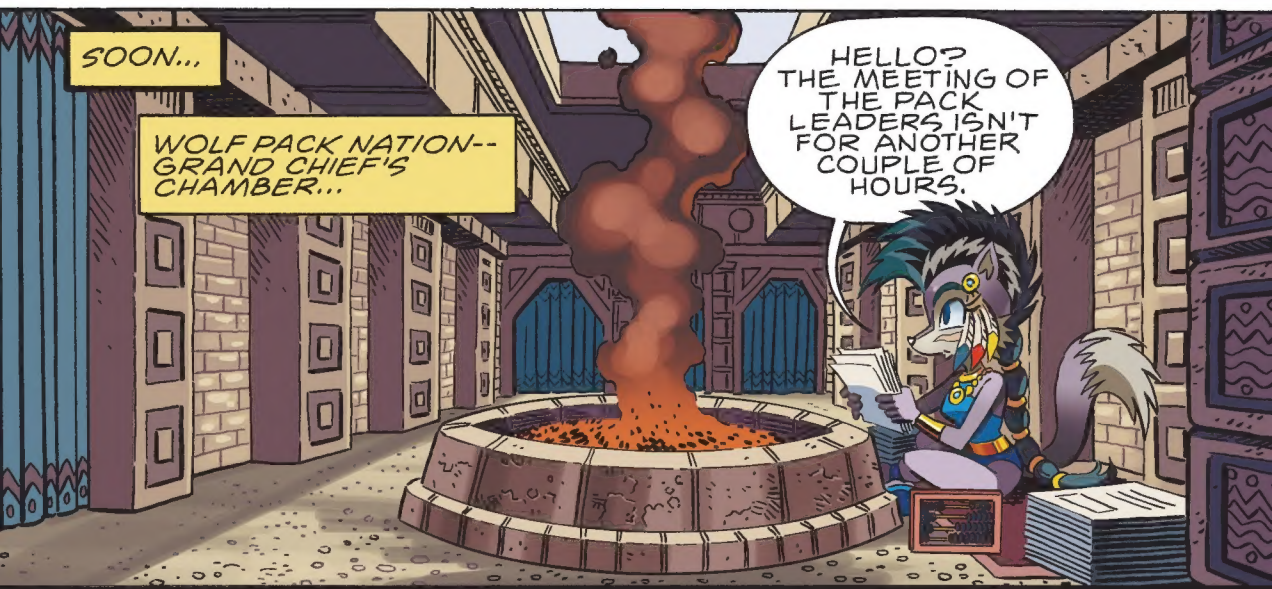


EXCELLENT! I WOULD'VE SAID
"CARPET BOMB THE CONTINENT,"
BUT MY RESOURCES ARE
LIMITED. I'LL LET YOU TAKE CARE
OF THIS...



BY
YOUR
WILL.

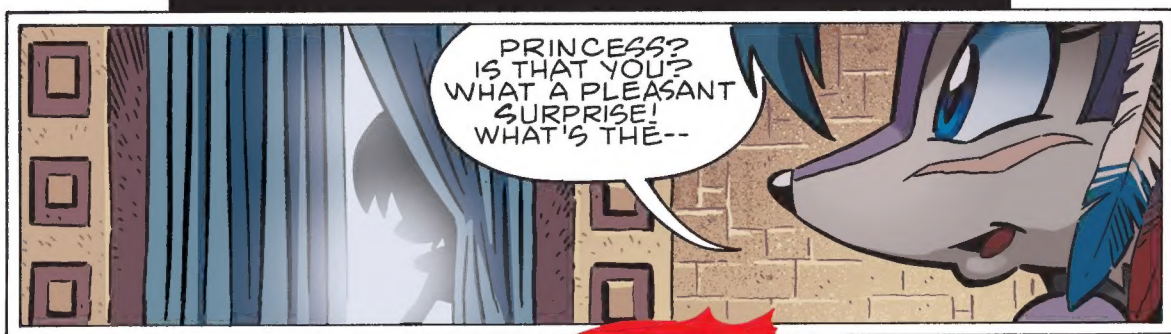




SOON...

WOLF PACK NATION--
GRAND CHIEF'S
CHAMBER...

HELLO?
THE MEETING OF
THE PACK
LEADERS ISN'T
FOR ANOTHER
COUPLE OF
HOURS.



PRINCESS?
IS THAT YOU?
WHAT A PLEASANT
SURPRISE!
WHAT'S THE--



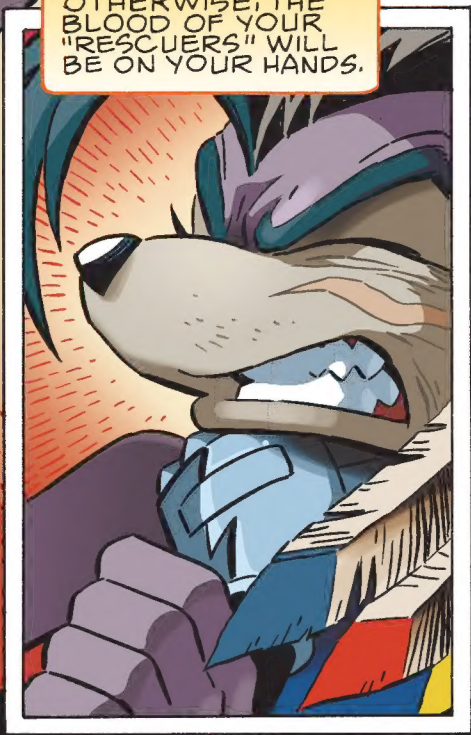
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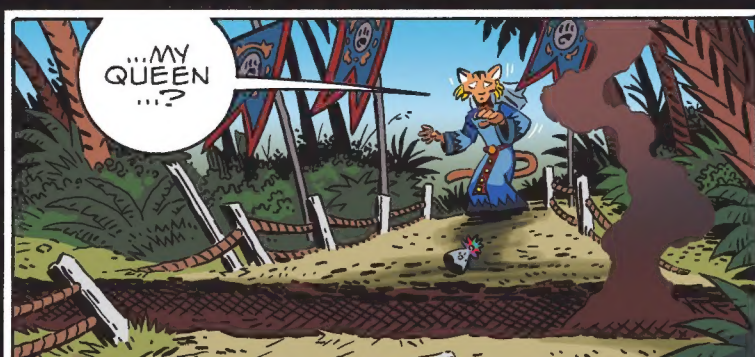
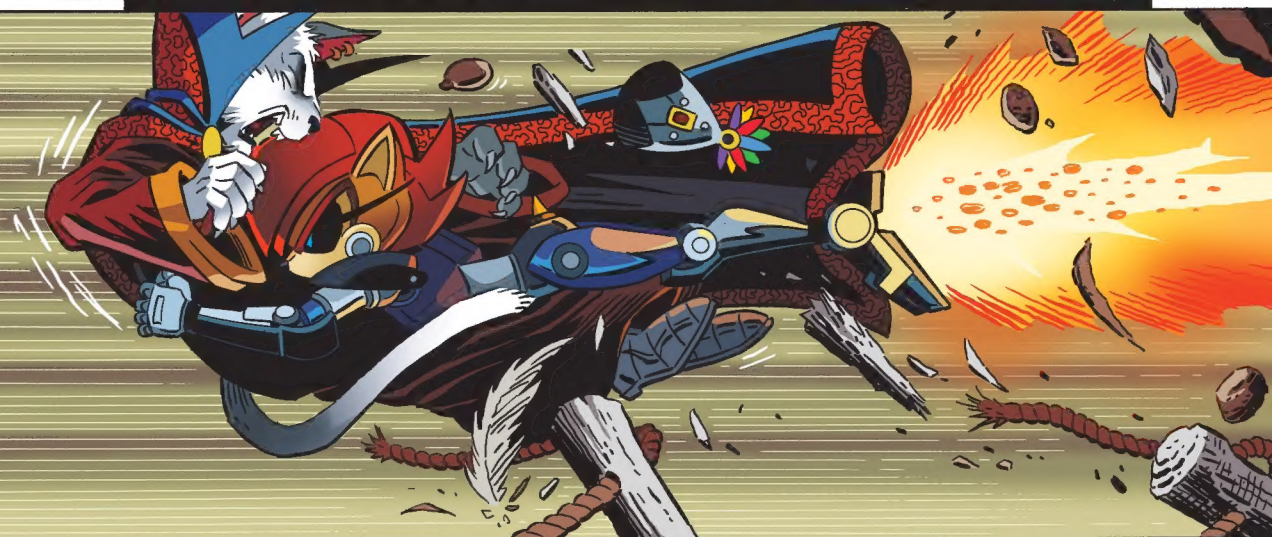
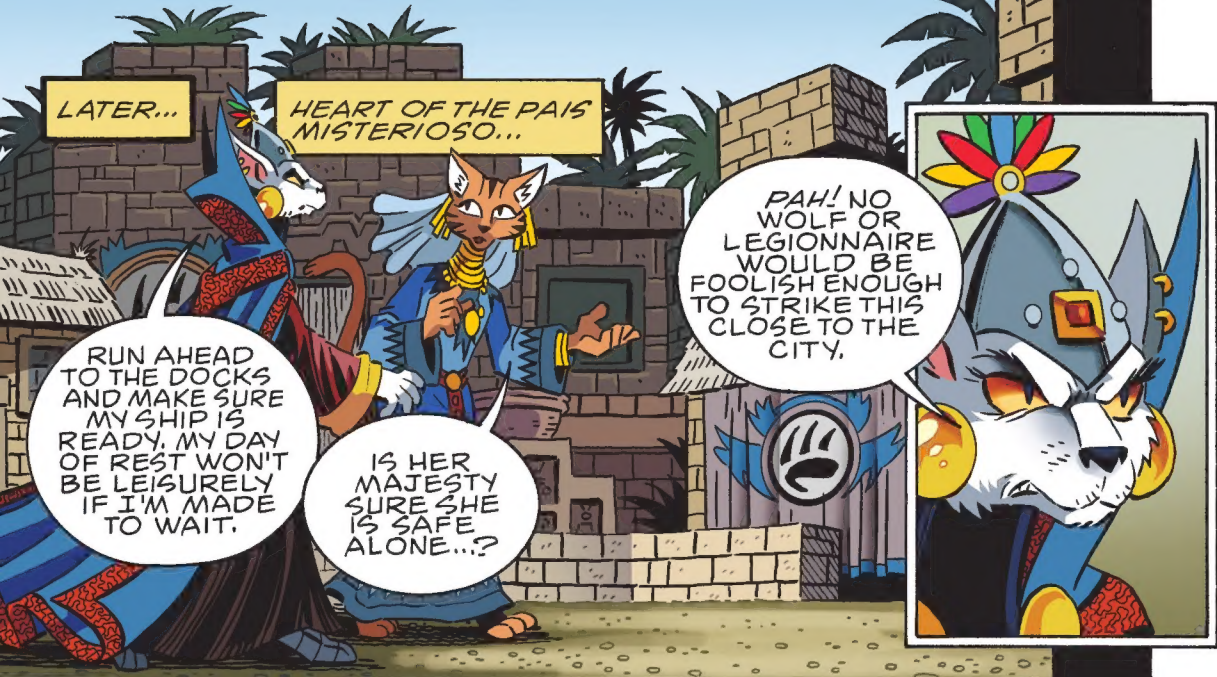


NO!
GHK! HOW
DID--?!



YOU WILL COME
WITH ME QUIETLY.
OTHERWISE, THE
BLOOD OF YOUR
"RESCUERS" WILL
BE ON YOUR HANDS.





LATER THAT DAY...

IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK, IN THE WOLFPACK NATION! I JUST HATE THAT WE'RE BRINGING THEM BAD NEWS.

IT'LL BE FINE!

WITH LUPE BACKING US UP...

...WE'LL REALLY BE ABLE TO SOCK IT TO EGGMAN!

HEY, GUYS! WHAT'S SHAKIN'?

SONIC?!

SHHH! THEY'LL HEAR YOU!

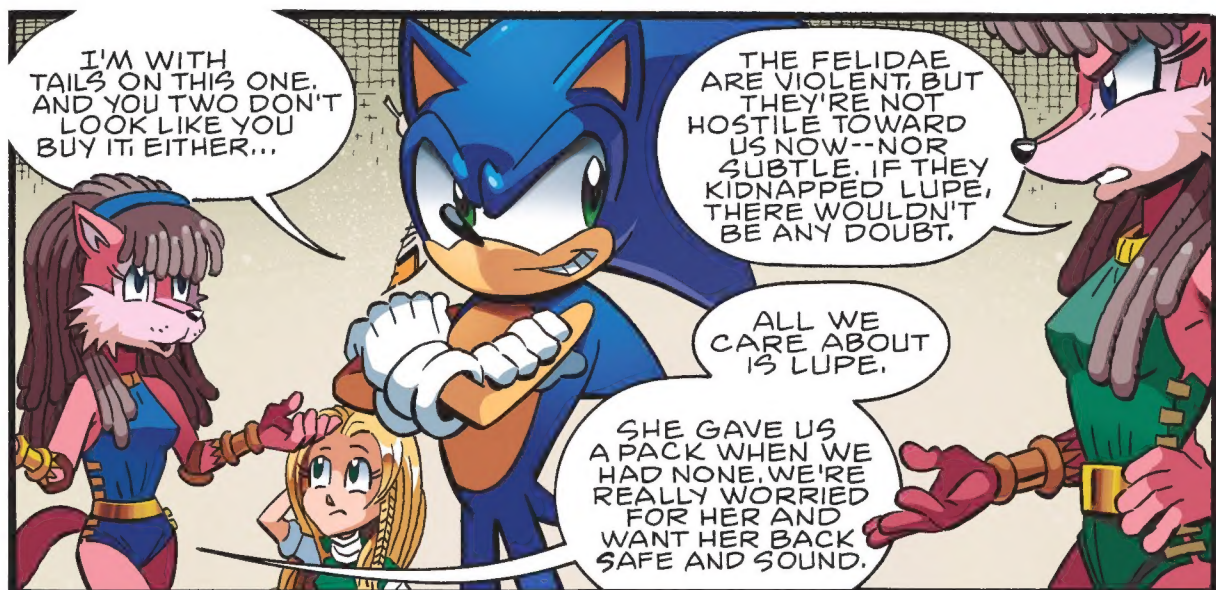
WHO WILL HEAR US? WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S MAMA! SHE'S MISSING, AND PAPA THINKS THE FELIDAE DID IT!

THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT. WHY WOULD THEY ABDUCT LUPE DURING A TIME OF PEACE?

DAD SAYS YOU CAN'T TRUST THOSE NASTY CATS! SO HE AND THE OTHER PACK CHIEFS ARE DECIDING ON HOW BEST TO GO TO WAR!

WE WERE TRYING TO LISTEN IN!





"...WE DO!"

...AND DR. QUACK SAYS ANTOINE IS STABLE, BUT WE DON'T KNOW IF --I MEAN WHEN--HE'LL RECOVER.

THAT'S AWFUL!

IT'S... BEEN HARD ON US. HOW ABOUT YOU? HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN FOR THE PACKS?



BORING.

OUR PACK USED TO TELL US OF ALL THE GOOD THEY DID AS FREEDOM FIGHTERS. ALL WE DO THESE DAYS IS STAND GUARD AGAINST ENEMIES THAT *MIGHT* ATTACK.

WE'VE ACTUALLY BEEN THINKING OF VISITING NEW MOBOTROPOLIS. FROM WHAT YOU'VE TOLD US, PERHAPS LUPE WILL LET US TRY OUT FOR...

...ROTOR'S TEAM FREEDOM!"



WE'RE ALWAYS HAPPY TO HAVE SOME HELP. YOU SURE YOU WON'T MISS YOUR LIFE OF PEACE DOWN HERE?

PLEASE!

WE CRAVE ADVENTURE! WE WANT TO HELP MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE!



BLAM BLAM

LOOKS LIKE YOU MIGHT GET YOUR "ADVENTURE" SOONER RATHER THAN LATER...





HE'S A GREAT DISTRACTION!

PIKO!



NEVER QUITE AS SATISFYING AS BUSTING A SWAT BOT, BUT THEY'LL DO!

QUEEN HATHOR, WE PRESUME?

WHERE IS GRAND CHIEF LUPE?

I--I AM NOT THE QUEEN! I AM BUT A HUMBLE EMIS-SARY, BUT THE QUEEN AND GRAND CHIEF...



...ARE IN TERRIBLE DANGER!

UM... SONIC? ISN'T THIS THE QUEEN?

NO, SEE, THEIR CULTURE IS BASED ON CLOTHING. NO QUEENLY ROBE MEANS SHE'S NOT THE QUEEN RIGHT NOW.

THREW ME OFF AT FIRST, TOO. I GOT THIS.





HEY THERE, "EMISSARY" HATHOR.

I'M "AMBASSADOR" SONIC. YOU MIGHT REMEMBER ME BY MY SOCKS.

CAN YOU CLUE US IN TO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE QUEEN AND LUPE?

YES! HELLO, AMBASSADOR! I CERTAINLY CAN!

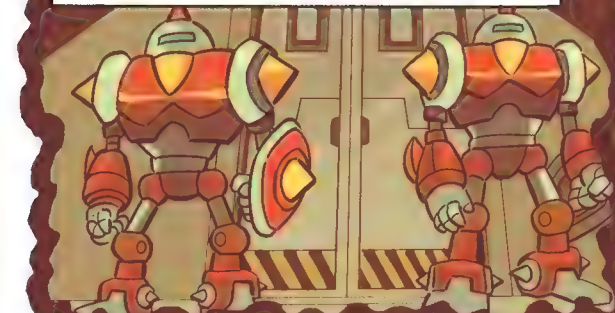
"THE TWO OF THEM WERE CAPTURED BY ONE OF DR. EGGMAN'S ROBOTS. THE GRAND CHIEF BELIEVED IT TO BE A TRANSFORMED PRINCESS SALLY..."

...AND AS A "ROBIAN," YOU ARE A SLAVE. I WAS ROBOTICIZED ONCE, SAYING IT WAS A "HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE" IS ONLY A START.

AND YOU SAY SHE'S BEEN FURTHER MODIFIED? LIKE SOME COMMON TOOL?

...AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, YES.

SUCH A DISHONOR. SUCH A DISGRACE!



MY WARRIORS WILL NOT SIT IDLY BY WITH ME MISSING. THEY WILL LASH OUT, AND MOST LIKELY AT YOUR WOLVES! THERE IS NO GLORY IN SUCH A CONFLICT!

WHAT? HOW? WE'RE TRAPPED.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ASKING OF ME.

I CAN HELP YOU REACH THAT VENT, AND YOU CAN ESCAPE WHILE EVERYONE IS DISTRACTED RE-SUPPLYING THIS BASE. I HAVE FACED ROBOTICIZATION BEFORE. I WILL DO IT AGAIN.

YES, I DO. I'M ASKING YOU TO SAVE OUR PEOPLE...

NOBLE OF YOU, BUT I CAN'T FIT IN THERE WITH ALL MY ROBES.

...FROM WAR AND DR. EGGMAN.

...THEN YOU MUST STOP THEM.

NO, YOU CAN'T.

I'M MAKING MY SACRIFICE. THIS WILL BE YOURS.

AN INTERESTING STORY...



VERY WELL.





...COMING FROM ONE WHO MEETS WITH...

...WOLVES AND OUTLANDERS.



WOLVES WHO ARE OUR ALLIES--FOR NOW. OUTLANDERS WHO WOULD DRIVE BACK THE LEGION AND HAVE SERVED OUR QUEEN IN THE PAST.



THIS COULD GET UGLY, GUYS. BE READY TO DO IT TO IT.



I DO NOT HAVE THE QUEEN'S AUTHORITY, BUT I BEAR HER WILL. WOLF AND FELIDAE MUST UNITE AGAINST DR. EGGMAN AND HIS LEGION. I WILL SEE TO IT THE OUTLANDERS FREE THE MATRIARCHS AND RETURN THEM TO THEIR DOMAINS. WHAT SAY YOU?



WE FOLLOW THE COMMAND OF THE QUEEN. BUT IT WILL BE UP TO THE WOLVES TO LISTEN.



IF THEY STRIKE FIRST ...WE WILL MAKE IT THEIR LAST.





IF ONLY THE QUEEN WERE TRULY HERE.



SHE'S HERE IN SPIRIT.

NOW COME ON-- WE DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME BEFORE, AND NOW WE HAVE EVEN LESS.



IF I WERE YOU, BUDDY, I'D STAY DOWN UNTIL ALL THIS BLEW OVER.

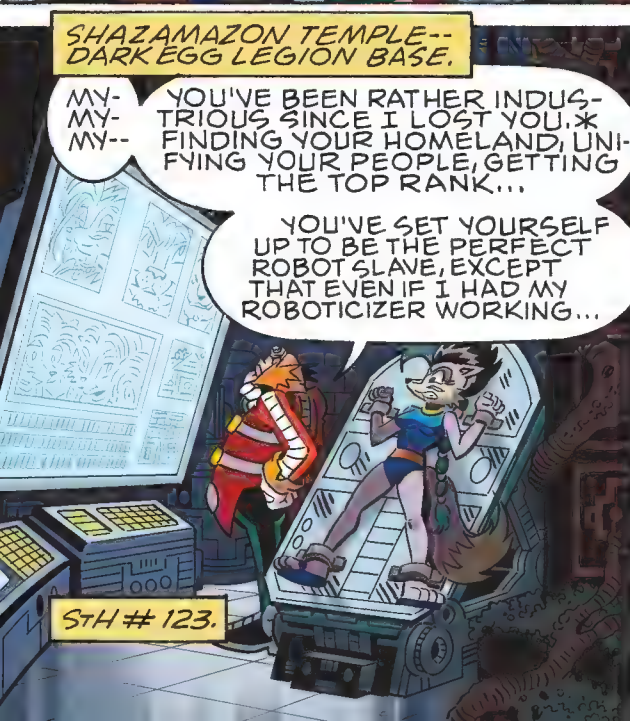
I WILL GUT YOU LIKE A FISH...

YOU CHARMER! WE SHOULD HANG OUT MORE.



LET'S MOVE IT, GANG!

THE DAY'S NOT GOING TO SAVE ITSELF!



SHAZAMAZON TEMPLE-- DARK EGG LEGION BASE.

MY-MY-MY--

YOU'VE BEEN RATHER INDUSTRIOUS SINCE I LOST YOU, * FINDING YOUR HOMELAND, UNIFYING YOUR PEOPLE, GETTING THE TOP RANK...

YOU'VE SET YOURSELF UP TO BE THE PERFECT ROBOT SLAVE, EXCEPT THAT EVEN IF I HAD MY ROBOTICIZER WORKING...

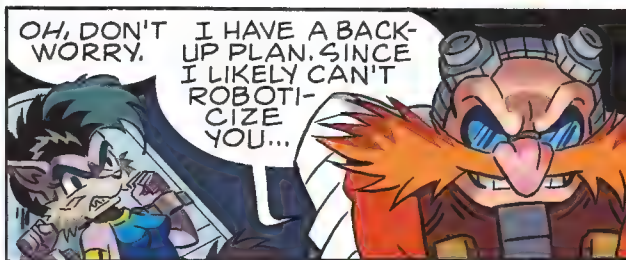
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...YOU'D HAVE A HIGH CHANCE OF RETAINING...


--THAT PESKY FORMER-ROBIAN IMMUNITY.

THEN RELEASE ME AND ESCAPE WITH YOUR LIFE WHILE YOU STILL CAN, YOU MONSTER.



OH, DON'T WORRY.

I HAVE A BACK-UP PLAN, SINCE I LIKELY CAN'T ROBOTICIZE YOU...



...I'LL
JUST
LEGIONIZE
YOU
INSTEAD!

HURRY, SONIC!
ONE OF YOUR OLDEST FRIENDS IS
RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
COME ON BACK NEXT ISSUE FOR
THE SHOCKING CONCLUSION!
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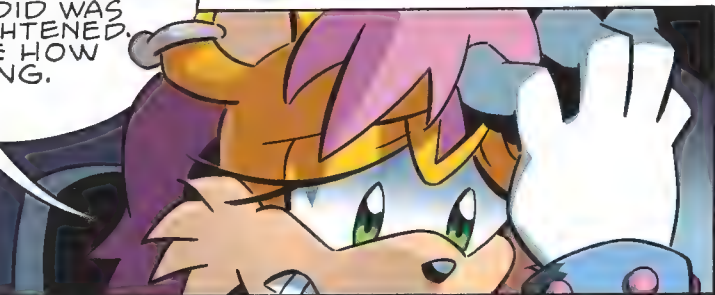




WE NEED YOU BACK, PLEASE. THE CITY IS BARELY COPING WITHOUT YOU.



NO-N-NO...I'M SO SORRY! THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED! I WANTED TO EMPOWER THE PEOPLE WITH MY MUSIC. I WANTED THEM TO ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS AND STAND UP FOR THEMSELVES. INSTEAD, ALL THEY DID WAS GET...ANGRY AND FRIGHTENED. I...I'M STILL NOT SURE HOW I GOT IT SO WRONG.

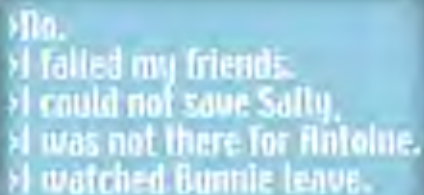


PLEASE LET ME EXPLAIN? I ADMIT I DIDN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION AT THE TIME, BUT I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE... CONTROLLED.* I WANTED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE ALL RIGHT INSTEAD OF TAKING IT ON FAITH. WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU BACK IN THE CITY.

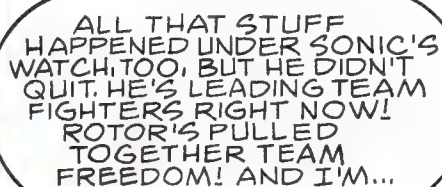
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..."NO"?

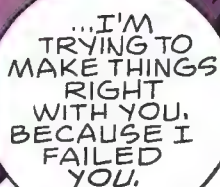
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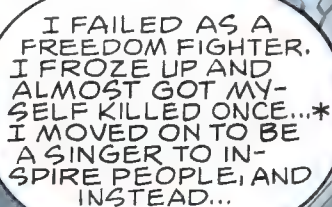
>No.
>I failed my friends.
>I could not save Sally.
>I was not there for Antoine.
>I watched Bunnie leave.



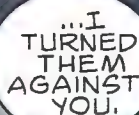
ALL THAT STUFF
HAPPENED UNDER SONIC'S
WATCH, TOO, BUT HE DIDN'T
QUIT. HE'S LEADING TEAM
FIGHTERS RIGHT NOW!
ROTOR'S PULLED
TOGETHER TEAM
FREEDOM! AND I'M...



...I'M
TRYING TO
MAKE THINGS
RIGHT
WITH YOU,
BECAUSE I
FAILED
YOU.

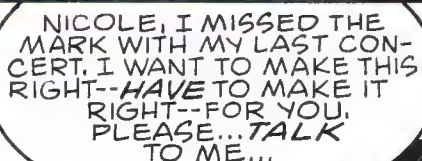


I FAILED AS A
FREEDOM FIGHTER.
I FROZE UP AND
ALMOST GOT MY-
SELF KILLED ONCE...*
I MOVED ON TO BE
A SINGER TO IN-
SPIRE PEOPLE, AND
INSTEAD...



...I
TURNED
THEM
AGAINST
YOU.

*5TH # 120



NICOLE, I MISSED THE
MARK WITH MY LAST CON-
CERT. I WANT TO MAKE THIS
RIGHT--**HAVE** TO MAKE IT
RIGHT--FOR YOU.
PLEASE...**TALK**
TO ME...



THERE YOU ARE.

ROTOR MODIFIED THE LAB SO I'D HAVE SOME MORE ...FREEDOM.

THIS ROOM ISN'T ENOUGH FOR YOU, WE NEED YOU BACK TO RUN THE CITY AND TO COUNTER NAUGUS.

AND AS SELFISH AS IT SOUNDS... I NEED YOU BACK. I CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF IF YOU REMAIN LOCKED UP FOREVER. I'M SORRY, BUT THAT ISN'T ENOUGH. YOU NEED TO BE FREE.

...SOMEONE TOLD ME ONCE... I SHOULD BE BRAVE. TO MEET THE ANGER WITH REASON...*

YEAH? IT'S NOT AN EASY THING TO DO.

NO. BUT HE SAID I HAD MY FRIENDS TO SUPPORT ME.

AND YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO BE ONE OF THEM.

...EVEN IF IT MEANS LETTING ME BACK INTO THE CITY?

YES!



AND CAN YOU FORGIVE ME FOR TAKING THIS LONG TO SAY I'M SORRY?



...YES. I CAN FORGIVE YOU.



YOU? YOU'RE THE BEST! I'M WORKING ON A NEW SET OF SONGS RIGHT NOW. I'M GOING TO GET THE MESSAGE *RIGHT* THIS TIME! WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE PEOPLE'S MINDS, AND WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU *BACK* WHERE YOU BELONG!

I...THANK YOU. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING IT. ...I...SUPPOSE PART OF DEVELOPING EMOTIONS IS LEARNING TO COPE WITH THEM AS WELL.



IT'S NOT EASY. SO...YOU'RE BACK WITH US? NO MORE HIDING IN THE COMPUTER?

NO.

NO MORE HIDING... NONE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WOULD HIDE. I NEED TO MOVE FORWARD.



I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.



PLEASE FORGIVE THE INTRUSION, LADIES. EAVESDROPPING IS MY TRADE. AND I NEED Ms. NICOLE'S ASSISTANCE FOR...

...A CERTAIN PROJECT OF MINE.

SO NOT THE END!
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SONIC UNIVERSE #41
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TO FIND OUT
WHAT HAPPENS **NEXT!**

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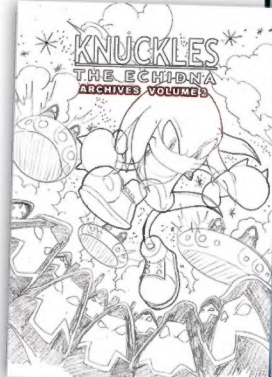
editorial commentary, with the right to rule!



CALLING ALL ECHIDNAS!

Hey there, Sonic fans! Paul here to bring you the good word on some of the latest and greatest in the world of Sonic graphic novels! This month's spotlight is on Knuckles Archives vol. 2, available now at a book or comic store near you (as well as archiecomics.com, but you knew that already, didn't you!)

(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) THUMBNAIL SKETCH, BY PAUL KAMINSKI, AND COVER SKETCH BY PATRICK "SPAZ" SPAZIANTE FOR THE COVER OF KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 2!



KNUCKLES AS HE APPEARS ON THE COVER OF KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 2. AVAILABLE NOW!

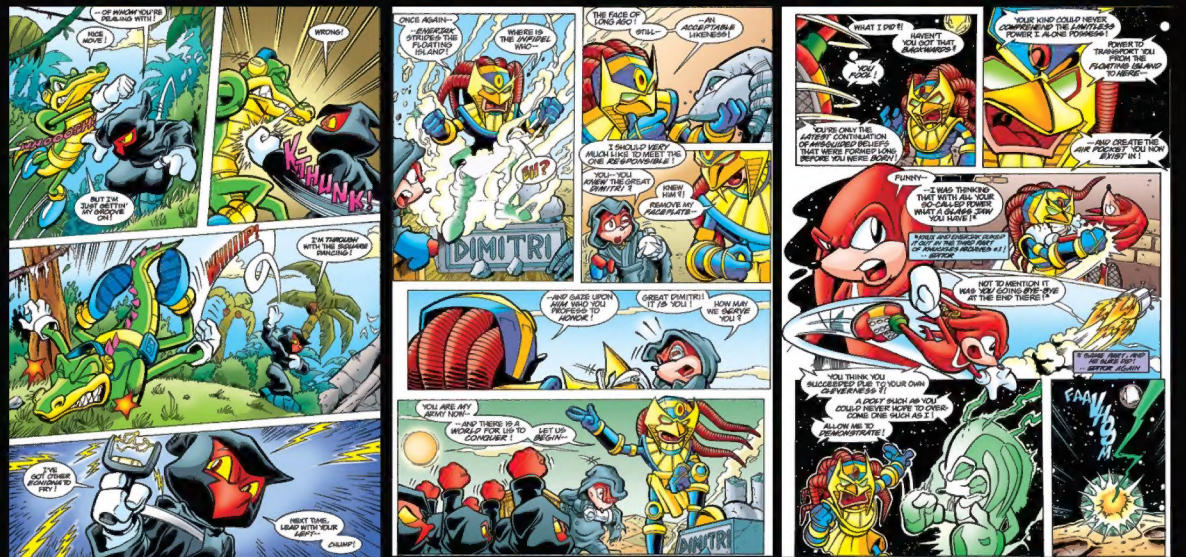
In this volume, you get not one, but TWO complete Knuckles story arcs – "Lost Paradise" and "Dark Vengeance!" Like Enerjak? So do we! Check out his dramatic return to the life of Rad Red!

Also new to this volume are the "Secrets from the Floating Island" features, which showcase special never-before-seen sketches and concept art from the early days of the Knuckles series! Not to mention a brand new cover by SPAZ himself!

SEE YA NEXT MONTH!
- Paul



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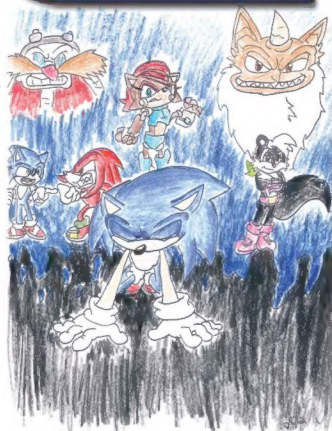
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DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Dear Sonic-Grams, I've started very late in the Sonic comic series, in fact I wasn't very interested in the comics until I saw one of them in Toys R Us. Then I fell in love with them after that.

Better late than never!

But enough with the sappy love story for the comics and on with the questions!

The "usual" beckons!

1) I hate that Silver gets all this flack, just because he was in one bad game IMO. I really love Silver. I think he's adorable. Can you guys make him a little smarter when the Secret Freedom Fighters arc comes out?

Silver has grown a lot in the comics since he first debuted, and while he can still be a little thick-headed, he's definitely wiser. I think it had something to do with learning about power and responsibility from his master!

2) I was wondering how long does it take for Ian to come up with the script for the Sonic comics?

Ian writes like Sonic runs -- fast and furious! Seriously though, the guy writes more scripts than I can keep up with, sometimes! He's a beast!

That's all for now, until next time. Your loyal fan, Hannah M. sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks Hannah, glad you could join the Sonic comic party!

Dear Sonic-Grams, I haven't written to you guys in a while but I am still collecting Sonic comics every chance I get.

That's what we like to hear! Well...not the "haven't written" part but the part about you collecting -- well you know what I mean....

I'll have the usual today.

You got it!

I was wondering about Super Sonic Magazine concerning the Time Stones. I am a huge fan of Sonic CD and I was wondering if there will be an appearance of Little Planet within the comic?

Well if you got Sonic Super Special Magazine #3 you'll see Little planet appear in the exclusive Sonic 4 Episode 2 comic! If you're talking about the main Archie-Sonic continuity, then you may just get your wish...but I can say no more!

Here's what I see, those instructions that Silver has might have details about how to

get to Little Planet or at least how to make a certain series of events to bring it. Chronos-control is the only way to travel!

I love Chronos Control! I used it to travel back in time once to prevent a zit!

And could the traitor be Sally? She fits the quota, original freedom fighter, currently evil and has destroyed the team.

Thanks for the guess, but I can't say anything about that!

That's it for me, I very much hope you continue to produce such awesome art and comics, you guys are the coolest hedgehogs in town!

YOU are!

Metal Sonic's #1 fan, Hunter H. sent to sonic@archiecomics.com P.S. I hope you guys don't kill off Snively!

Random "P.S." is random!

Well that's all the room we have for this issue!

See y'all next month for the conclusion to "Loyalty"!!

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THE FIGHT RAGES ONWARD!

SONIC BETTER STEP ON IT, OR ELSE LUPE IS LIKELY TO GET LEGIONIZED IN...

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